

REMARKS

Claims 7-10, 12-15, 17-19 and 21 are pending in the current application. Claims 7, 15 and 19 are independent claims. Claims 11, 16, 20 and 22-24 are cancelled by this Amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that "[c]laims 11-13, 16-18 and 20-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims" (see page 9 of the Office Action mailed on August 8, 2005). By this Amendment, the limitations of claims 11-16 and 20, indicated allowable by the Examiner, have been moved into independent claims 7-15 and 19, respectfully. As such, independent claims 7, 15 and 19 are allowable at least by virtue of the Examiner's previous indication of allowance. Further, independent claims 22-24 are cancelled by this Amendment. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the present amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Issuance of the present application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and issuance of the present application in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

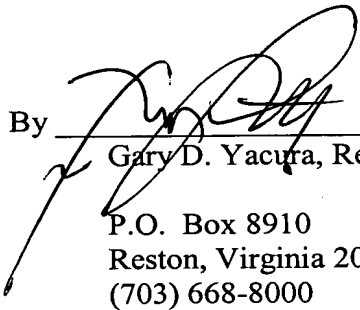
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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